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## New Literature

### OLD TESTAMENT

#### BOOKS

MONTGOMERY, J. A. *The Samaritans: The Earliest Jewish Sect, Their History, Theology, and Literature.* [The Bohlen Lectures for 1906.] Philadelphia: John C. Winston Co., 1907. Pp. xiv+358.

This is the most full and careful presentation in existence of the facts concerning the Samaritans. It is a mine of information. The author has apparently overlooked nothing. The method and style are clear and simple, and the book deserves a place in any library.

WARING, HENRY F. *Christianity and Its Bible: A Textbook and for Private Reading.* [Constructive Bible Studies, Advanced and Supplementary Series.] Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1907. Pp. xv+369. \$1.

A successful pastor here tries to present a work that shall meet the great need for "a survey of the whole religious field in a small, readable, trustworthy book." The task is well done, and the book will be of great value to all who are thoughtfully interested in its theme. The scope of the book may be learned from its three great subdivisions: I, "The Bible and Its Times;" II, "Christianity Since Bible Times;" III, "Christianity Today."

BREEN, A. E. *A Diary of My Life in the Holy Land.* Rochester, N. Y.: A. E. Breen, 1907. Pp. xv+637. \$4.50.

This is a miscellany of interesting and uninteresting things concerning Palestine of today. It is absolutely chaotic, as its title suggests. It has no table of contents, and the index is ridiculously limited, in view of the immense mass of materials that

the book contains and the total lack of system in their presentation. There are more than 300 splendid illustrations. The author's point of view is that of an intelligent Catholic priest.

#### ARTICLES

MAYOR, J. B. *Virgil and Isaiah: An Enquiry into the Sources of the Fourth Eclogue of Virgil.* *Expositor*, April, 1907, pp. 289-311.

An attempt to show that Virgil's picture of a coming golden age was more or less directly dependent upon the messianic utterances in the Book of Isaiah.

OESTERLEY, W. O. E. *The Demonology of the Old Testament.* *Ibid.*, pp. 316-32.

The first of a series of three articles intended to demonstrate from the Old Testament record that a belief in the existence and power of demons was once common in Israel.

DELONG, I. H. *Prohibitory Food Laws in Israel.* *Reformed Church Review*, April, 1907, pp. 222-28.

A sketch of the modern view that the prohibition of certain foods was due to religious conceptions rather than to hygienic principles. The explanation of clean and unclean animals is to be sought in totemism, tabu, and the like.

MERRINS, E. M. *The Patience of Job.* *Bibliotheca Sacra*, April, 1907, pp. 224-49.

An ingenious theory by a physician that Job's disease was not leprosy nor elephantiasis, but syphilis; and that, therefore, the nature of the disease itself laid Job under grievous suspicion and rendered his physical sufferings doubly hard to bear.

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ROUND, DOUGLAS. *The date of St. Paul's Epistle to the Galatians* Cambridge: University Press, 1906. Pp. 72. 2s. net.

It is urged that Galatians was written from Antioch before the Council at Jerusalem and the second missionary journey, that is about 49-50

A. D. The argument is especially directed against certain elements in Ramsay's position.

*Addresses on the Gospel of John.* Delivered in Providence, R. I., at Eight Conferences, 1903-4. With appendix. Providence: St. John Conference Committee, 1906. Pp. xvi+505. \$1 25. These sixty-five lectures, studies, and sermons

by more than fifty different scholars and preachers bear fresh evidence to the perennial religious worth of the Fourth Gospel.

FORBES, A. P. *The Johannine Literature and the Acts of the Apostles.* (International Handbooks to the New Testament, edited by Orello Cone; Vol. IV.) New York: Putnam, 1907. Pp. vii + 375. \$2.00 net.

Concise and useful introductions and commentaries prepared from the critical point of view. The literature discussed is assigned to the half century subsequent to 90 A. D.

MAYOR, JOSEPH B. *The Epistle of St. Jude and the Second Epistle of St. Peter.* New York: Macmillan, 1907. \$4.50 net.

Professor Mayor's commentary presents the Greek text of these epistles, abundantly annotated, together with an extended introduction. The propriety of treating these two epistles together is obvious in view of their close literary relationship. Professor Mayor discusses fully the relationship of II Peter to I Peter, concluding, with most scholars, that they are from different hands.

#### ARTICLES

BRÜCKNER, M. *Die Petrus Erzählungen im Markusevangelium.* *Zeitschrift für*

*die neutestamentliche Wissenschaft*, 1907 (VIII, 1), pp. 48-65.

It is urged that the ostensibly Petrine elements in Mark much less probably reflect the testimony of Peter than do the teachings and experiences which were shared by none but Jesus' closest followers, and with which the evangelist does not expressly connect Peter.

CARR, ARTHUR. *The Testimony of St. John to the Virgin Birth of Our Lord.* *Expositor*, April, 1907, pp. 311-16.

The use made of the phrase "only-begotten" in the Gospel of John is appealed to as reflecting the author's belief in the virgin-birth of Jesus.

MANSUR, ASAD. *The Site of Capernaum.* *Ibid.*, pp. 360-73.

Fresh evidence for Tell-Hum as the site of Capernaum.

CASE, SHIRLEY J. *Paul's Historical Relation to the First Disciples.* *American Journal of Theology*, 1907, pp. 269-86.

Paul's intercourse with Jesus' immediate personal followers is shown to have been amply sufficient to acquaint him with the life of the historical Jesus and their interpretation of that life. His Christianity cannot therefore be reasonably considered wholly independent of theirs.